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FOR: COATING UNIT AND COATING  
METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

**Please amend claim 3 as shown in the attachment. A clean copy of amended**

**Claim 3 is as follows:**

3. A coating unit according to claim 1, further comprising:

a carrier for carrying a coating solution supply nozzle for supplying the coating  
solution to the substrate which is placed inside said container;

an accommodating portion for accommodating said carrier which is disposed inside  
said casing; and

a third exhaust pipe for exhausting an atmosphere inside said accommodating portion.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are present in this case.

This Preliminary Amendment is filed to correct an inadvertent typographical error in Claim 3.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-13 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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